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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of commonly-assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09,758,753, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,602,454, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/289,222, filed April 9, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,193,918.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

Three-dimensional sheet materials which include a thin layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive protected from inadvertent contact, as well as methods and apparatus for manufacturing them, have been developed and are described in detail in commonly-assigned U.S. Patent Nos. 5,662,758, issued September 2, 1997 to Hamilton and McGuire, entitled "Composite Material Releasably Sealable to a Target Surface When Pressed Thereagainst and Method of Making", and 5,871,607, issued February 16, 1999 to Hamilton and McGuire, entitled "Material Having A Substance Protected by Deformable Standoffs and Method of Making", 6,254,965, issued July 3, 2001 to ~~and commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 08/745,339 (allowed), filed November 8, 1996 in the names of McGuire, Tweddell, and Hamilton, entitled "Three-Dimensional, Nesting-Resistant Sheet Materials and Method and Apparatus for Making Same", 08/745,340, filed November 8, 1996 in the names of~~ and 6,194,062, issued February 27, 2001 to Hamilton and McGuire, entitled "Improved Storage Wrap Materials", all of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 25, with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 3 and 4 show a pattern 20 created using an algorithm described in greater detail in ~~commonly assigned, concurrently filed, co-pending U.S. Patent No. 6,421,052 to Application Serial No. 09/288,736, in the name of Kenneth S. McGuire, entitled "Method of Seaming and Expanding Amorphous Patterns"~~, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference. It is obvious from Figures 3 and 4 that there is no appearance of a seam at the borders of the tiles 20 when they are brought into close proximity. Likewise, if opposite edges of a single pattern or tile were brought together, such as by wrapping the pattern around a belt or roll, the seam would likewise not be readily visually discernible.